REMARKS

Applicants are amending the specification in the above-captioned patent application, and claims 1-8 currently are pending and are subject to examination in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings because reference numbers 2 and 3 allegedly are not shown in Figure 1, and reference number 20 allegedly is not shown in Figure 5. Applicants have amended the Specification to delete reference numbers 2, 3 and 20. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0033355 to Hagiwara. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's anticipation rejection, as follows.

Applicants' independent claim 1 describes "a flat panel type display apparatus including a display section main body having a plurality of display electrodes arranged thereon and a tape carrier package connected to the display electrodes, wherein one end of the display section main body is formed with i) a first terminal group connected to the plurality of display electrodes, ii) a second terminal group adjacent to the first terminal group, iii) a third terminal group electrically connected to the second terminal group through wiring patterns, [and] wherein a connection end of the tape carrier package is connected to the first terminal group and the second terminal group, while a flat cable for external wiring is connected with the third terminal group."

The Examiner asserts that Hagiwara's terminals (Fig. 2) located between two groups of terminals 94 and connected to the wiring pattern 25 are equivalents to Applicants' claimed first terminal group, Hagiwara's two groups of terminals 94 are equivalents to Applicants' claimed second terminal group, and Hagiwara's terminals 80 are equivalents to Applicants' claimed third terminal group. The Examiner also asserts that Hagiwara's IC mounting region 70 (connected with the two groups of terminals 94 and those terminals that are located between the two terminal groups (94)) is an equivalent to Applicants' claimed tape carrier package. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertions.

For example, Hagiwara's terminals 80, 94 (Fig. 2) are arranged in a considerably different pattern from the pattern set forth in Applicants' independent claim 1. In Applicants' independent claim 1, the third terminal group is connected with the second terminal group through **wiring patterns**. In contrast, in Hagiwara, terminals 84 are connected with terminals 94 only through a **single wire**, which is not a wiring pattern.

Moreover, the Examiner fails to find that Hagiwara's IC mounting region 70 is directly and completely connected with the wiring pattern of the substrate 20, while the tape carrier package of Applicants' independent claim 1 is connected to the wiring pattern of the substrate only through its connection end. Consequently, Hagiwara's IC mounting region 70 cannot be an equivalent to the tape carrier package set forth in Applicants' independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 at least for these reasons.

Claims 2-8 depend from allowable, independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner also withdraw the anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 at least for this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with Applicants' representatives would expedite the prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of records. Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this response to the outstanding Office Action in the above-captioned patent application. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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